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Attention: Rachel Falsetti, Transportation Programming, MS-82

Dear Mr. Kempton:

SUBJECT: FY 2004/05 – 2006/07 FSTIP Amendment No. 5 – Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC)

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our review of Amendment No. 5 to the MCTC 2004/05 – 2006/07 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated May 3, 2005. MCTC adopted this amendment with Resolution No. 04-13 on April 20, 2005.

This amendment modifies projects that are funded from the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program and the Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation (HBRR) program.

Regarding specific CMAQ funded projects in this amendment; the federal agencies note the following:

- Project MAD302041 – the purchase of video teleconferencing equipment is not CMAQ eligible, so this project is excluded from this approval action.
- Projects MAD202047, MAD202048, MAD202049, MAD202050, MAD202051, MAD202052, MAD202053, MAD502001, MAD502004 and MAD502005 – the purchase of alternative-fueled vehicles for purposes other than transit may only be eligible for incremental reimbursement over and above the cost of traditional-fueled vehicles, depending upon whether the vehicle is an addition to the public agency's fleet or a replacement vehicle. Additional information is needed to determine full or incremental eligibility.



With the exclusion noted above, we accept this amendment in accordance with the provisions of 23 CFR Part 450. We find that this amendment was developed through a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process carried out in accordance with the provisions of 23 U.S.C. section 134, and section 8 of the Federal Transit Act (49 U.S.C. app. §1607). Based on our review, we find that changes made to the MCTC FTIP by this amendment do not require new emissions modeling because they were either found to conform as part of a previous regional emissions analysis in accordance with 40 CFR 93.122 (g), or include projects determined to be the types listed in 40 CFR 93.126 & 127 as being exempt from any regional emissions analysis. Therefore, we find this FTIP to conform to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP).

This finding has been coordinated with the regional office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and is provided in accordance with the procedures outlined on the Memorandum of Understanding between the FHWA, California Division, and the FTA, Region IX, dated July 15, 2004, on Roles and Responsibilities for Multi-mode Amendments. This approval is provided with the understanding that approval of this programming action does not provide a federal eligibility determination for CMAQ funded projects included in this amendment.

With the above noted exclusion, this letter also constitutes approval and inclusion of the MCTC's FTIP Amendment No. 5 into California's 2004/05 – 2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Mr. Leigh Levine of the FHWA, California Division office at (916) 498-5034, or Mr. Ted Matley of the FTA, Region IX office at (415) 744-2590.

Sincerely,

/s/ Leslie T. Rogers

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